

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated June 28, 2006. Claims 1 to 3, 6 to 19, 22 to 33, 40 to 48 and 50 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 17, 33 and 50 are independent claims. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing Claims 1 to 3, 6 to 19, 22 to 32 and 50.

Claims 33 and 40 to 48 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Without conceding the correctness of the rejections, Claims 33 and 40 to 48 have been amended. Specifically, amended Claims 33 and 40 to 48 are directed to computer readable media. As the MPEP explains:

“[A] claimed computer-readable medium encoded with a computer program is a computer element which defines structural and functional interrelationships between the computer program and the rest of the computer which permit the computer program's functionality to be realized, and is thus statutory.” (MPEP § 2106(IV)(B)(1)(a))

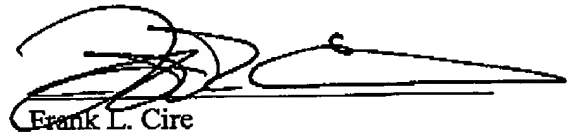
Thus, Applicant submits Claims 33 and 40 to 48 are directed to statutory subject matter. Accordingly, Claims 33 and 40 to 48 are believed to be allowable.

The foregoing actions have been taken without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and without conceding the correctness of the rejections, but rather strictly to obtain an earlier allowance and to expedite issuance.

No other matters having been raised, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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Respectfully submitted,

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